Subject: Tippu, Sultan of Mysore, mohur
(Puttan, 1782)

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267 Park Ave.
Takoma Park, D. C.
Sept. 15, 1925

Mr. Howland Wood
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:

In seeking to identify and classify a gold coin in my possession I visited Mr. Belote of our Washington D. C. National Museum. He was not able to satisfy himself or me on the subject, and suggested that I approach you for help. I have had casts made of the two sides and am sending them to you under separate cover (they need not be returned). Any help you can give me on what the coin is, when it was made, and its present value, will be much appreciated.

The coin itself is of fine gold, and was brot from India by a friend who understood it to belong to the reign of the Mogul emperors.

Very gratefully
Walter S. Mead.

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September 22nd, 1925

Mr. Walter S. Mead
267 Park Avenue
Takoma Park, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of September 15th, and have been awaiting the receipt of the casts, about which you write, but these so far have failed to materialize, for which reason I have failed to reply to your communication sooner.

Very truly yours,

Curator

267 Park Ave.
Takoma Park, D.C.
Oct. 5. 1925

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
New York.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I thank you for your kind note of Sept. 22 re non arrival of the coin casts. I started a tracer, but in case they have not showed up I am today sending you two more which I hope will reach you safely and be clear enough for identification.

Very truly
Walter S. Mead

Tippu Sultan Mysore
Mohur struck at Sultan
MM 1782 Mohur struck in
the name of Shah Alam the Mogul.

October 8th, 1925

Mr. Walter S. Mead
267 Park Avenue
Takoma Park, D.C.

Dear Mr. Mead:

The plaster cast arrived today, and your coin is a Mohur struck by Tippu Sultan of Mysore at his Capital Puttan in 1782. The piece, however, bears the name of the Moghul Emperor, Shah Alum, as he was, at that time, acknowledged by Tippu as his overlord. These coins are not common, and yours probably is worth from $10 to $15, there being very little demand for them in the States.

Very truly yours,

Curator